



MEDIA RELEASE

YOUTH TO SPEAK OUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMUNITY MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 7 AT 6PM

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The Santa Barbara Youth Council will hold a Youth Speak Out to discuss local environmental issues on Monday, May 7, at 6pm at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street.

Youth Council member Annie Marroquin, who sits as an intern on the City's Creeks Advisory Committee and is part of the Dos Pueblos High School Environmental Club, explains that "the Youth Council decided on the subject of the environment because many of our peers have expressed concern on the issues and because of the recent local buzz regarding plastic bags and youth involvement in cleaning up the beaches." Councilperson Cathy Murillo will moderate the panel. The Speak Out will begin with the showing of the short film, *The Story of Stuff*, to be followed by a panel and audience open discussion on what local residents can do individually about environmental issues. Between 5 and 6pm free pizza will be served and resource information made available. The first 50 persons to arrive will receive a free reusable bag. Teens in attendance can receive community service hours as well as several opportunities to receive prizes in a drawing.

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The City of Santa Barbara's Youth Council is a program of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Youth Council serves as a teen advisory group to the Parks and Recreation Commission and provides community service and leadership opportunities for teens in our community.

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